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MYSORE ADMINISTRATOR LAUDS ROLE OF CO-OPS.

VISITS CALGARY FOLLOWING TOUR EUROPE, N.AMERICA

**Government Department in
Mysore Fosters Growth of
40-Year-Old Movement**

BRITISH NOW POPULAR

**Freedom Changes Attitude —
Mountbattens Greatest Bri-
tons Ever Sent to India**

K. R. Marudeva Gowda, Assistant State Commissioner to the Government of Mysore in the great new Dominion of India, visited Calgary briefly on New Year's Eve, near the conclusion of a tour of Europe and North America of thirteen months' duration. In the course of his travels he has studied the economies of the various countries he has visited with a view to applying to India's conditions what may be adaptable and useful. He has also been able to extend in these countries, knowledge of India and its plans and problems. He has met representatives of governments, economists, co-operative leaders and others.

In Calgary Mr. Gowda visited the offices of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative and met a number of leaders of co-operative institutions whose head offices are in the city.

Sees Great Hope in Movement

Mr. Gowda is deeply interested in all phases of the co-operative movement. In his own land the movement is more than 40 years old. Its foundations were laid in 1905 and following years, and he believes that its wide extension will prove one of the major factors in the improvement of the economic conditions of his people. The Government of Mysore has established a Department of Co-operation, whose function it is to encourage development of co-operation in new fields, as well as to assist in the building up of existing co-operatives.

Worked Up from Credit Unions

Owing to widely differing conditions, stages through which co-operation has been developed in India have differed in marked degree from those with which farmers in Western Canada are familiar. First came credit unions, and the people worked up from these. They were the roots from which the later consumer co-operative movement has grown. Marketing co-operatives, concerned with export, have not been developed. Greater production is needed to feed the home population.

The people of Mysore show enthusiasm for this movement of self-help. Between 400 and 500 delegates attended a recent co-operative conference. There are today in Mysore some 1900 credit unions and 275 consumer co-ops. India has many thousands.

Attention is being given to the fostering of these types of co-operatives among cotton growers, producers of edible oils, oranges, honey and among sandalwood cobbler. The production of sandalwood is a government monopoly, but co-operatives of artisans are encouraged to handle processing.

The Bad Earth Is Also Made To Yield



NO RANDOM HARVEST is being gathered here. Pictured are the results of two efforts that have helped boost Britain's agricultural production by nearly one third above prewar and have also aided that country towards a target of a half more than 1938 by 1951. Top: Harvesting barley on what was once the grass verge of the Barnet Highway, Hertfordshire, near London. Right: Linseed is reaped at Chapter Farm, Rochester, England, on land that was feared had been rendered unproductive by early spring floods. For undried areas of Britain's Midlands and East Anglia, linseed was the only hope, but sufficient seed was not available. 500 tons were rushed from the U.S. and Canada. The result was a \$3,600,000 crop from land that otherwise would have remained idle and unyielding.



Like the British Now

Mr. Gowda stated that the Britain and the British (and this is true of Canada and Canadians) have become increasingly popular in India since she gained her freedom. They have never before in history been popular as they are today. There has been a complete change of attitude.

Lord Mountbatten Mr. Gowda regards as the greatest statesman ever sent to India by the British; and the high qualities of Lady Mountbatten he equally stressed.

Visitors from Britain, and from Canada, are welcomed. India is anxious to draw upon their knowledge and experience, and to enable them to increase their own understanding of her ancient civilization and her aspirations and ideals and her place in the world. The overwhelming Hindu majority desire the minorities of Moslems and Christians to exercise the full rights of equal citizenship with them.

Mr. Gowda left Calgary Friday evening for the Pacific coast and will call at Singapore on his way home.

Incidentally, Mr. Gowda made a special study in Britain of the operations of the Milk Board which controls distribution there, and he is greatly interested in our own dairy co-operatives.

Scotland exported nearly \$2,400,000 worth of livestock during the last three years, about a third coming to Canada and the U.S.

Marler Again Federation Chairman

Following two days of close concentration, by delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, upon matters of paramount importance to the industry of agriculture and to rural people as producers and consumers and as citizens, the Board of the Federation re-elected Roy Marler of Bremner to the Chairmanship for the coming year, and George E. Church of Balzac and E. H. Keith of Sexsmith to the position of First and Second Vice-Chairmen respectively.

Well-Prepared Agenda

Plans for the Convention, held on December 16th and 17th, had been well prepared by the elected officers and the Secretary-Treasurer, James R. McFall, and delegates kept closely to a heavily loaded agenda. The discussions were businesslike and well conducted under the chairmanship of Mr. Marler and his assistants, Wilfred Hopkins of Huxley and Calgary and A. Milsap of Lamont.

All delegates occupy positions of responsibility in the various member organizations, and by bringing to bear their combined knowledge and experience upon the issues which confronted the convention, they found it possible to reach balanced decisions without prolonged debate.

Directors Elected

Directors of divisions were elected for the coming year as follows: Livestock, R. H. Carlyle, Blackfalds; Grain, E. H. Keith, Sexsmith; Dairy, Roy Marler, Bremner; Poultry, J. H. Rhodes, Brant; Sheep and Wool, Donald MacLeod, Lake Isle; Sugar Beets, Phil Baker, Lethbridge; Farm Supplies, W. H. Hoppins, Calgary; United Farm Women of Alberta, Mrs. Winnifred Ross, Millet; Mrs. M. E. Lowe, R.R. 2, St. Albert.

Direct representation of the U.F.W.A. on the Board was provided for by amendment to the constitution early in convention proceedings. Mrs. Ross had, however, previously served on the Board as representative of health and social welfare interests.

Not only was the direct representation of the U.F.W.A. by directors on the Board provided for, but the representation of the U.F.A. and the A.F.U. was raised from one member each to two directors each. George E. Church of Balzac, and M. H. Ward of Arrowwood, are the U.F.A. directors. Those of the A.F.U. for the coming year have still to be appointed, but Ray Garneau of Wainwright, who served as director last year, will continue in office in the meantime.

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Delegates Reaffirm Historic U.F.A. Policy --Radio Broadcasting

Reaffirming the policy endorsed at many previous Conventions, in support of public control of broadcasting, the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta at the same time commended and welcomed the opening of the new CBC station CBX at Lacombe, which "is providing better service to Alberta listeners".

The portion of the resolution dealing with public control was opposed by a speaker who expressed fear that it might endanger freedom of expression.

It was pointed out during the course of the discussion that when radio broadcasting was in the formative stage, the United Farmers of Alberta, through the Canadian Radio League with which the organization associated itself, recommended the setting up in Canada of a national system of broadcasting under public ownership and control, and that the Association throughout succeeding years has insisted that control of broadcasting must remain with what is now the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation — whose foundations were laid by the Government of the Rt. Hon. (later Lord) Bennett, who had declared that while other natural resources had been alienated to private interests, ownership and control over the airwaves must remain with the community. The same policy had been continued by Liberal Governments.

Seed Fair and Short Course

The Agricultural Course sponsored by the Calgary Board of Trade and the Alberta Seed Fair and the Junior Seed Fair for Alberta farm boys and girls will be held in the Pavilion at the Calgary Exhibition Grounds on January 27th, 28th and 29th, it is announced by Howard P. Wright, President of the Board. These have become outstanding Provincial events, and have attracted widespread outside interest. A large attendance is anticipated.

S.A.D.P. SECTION—from Page 2
"While the trend of the age seems to be making us more and more dependent on world trade, we in Canada, all of us as consumers, must not allow a purely national industry which provides a most essential food for the maintenance of life to become inadequate. This is important not only in relation to those engaged in the dairy industry as producers, manufacturers and laborers, but because of the security it offers to all in times of war or stress when substitutes would not be available. Of course, we should not overlook the possibility that foreign remunerative incentive, through a publicity program, may have been initiated to create public demand."

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Call For Public Control

Unanimous call for Provincial control of hydro-electric power and rural electrification was made by Red Deer U.F.A. Local at its last meeting. W. J. Edgar was mover. "Canada is behind the times in this matter," stated President Hugh Bower.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

Farm Machinery and Freight Rates—Considerable opposition is being expressed with regard to the railway's action in raising freight rates on farm machinery.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture have protested such action and have been supported by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture along with the other Farm Organizations and Provincial Governments; also the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

The latest report is that the Board of Transport Commissioners have started an investigation to determine if the raise in these rates is justified.

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture take the stand that further increase is unwarranted, when a 21% increase was granted last April and then a further increase of 15% was made on all competitive rates. If this increase is permitted it will mean an added cost of 56½ cents per hundred weight on all farm machinery since last April.

Saskatoon Meeting of C.F.A. and W.A.C.—As previously announced, the annual meetings of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the Western Agriculture Conference originally planned for Edmonton will now be held in Saskatoon. The Western Conference will meet on January 20th, 21st and 22nd. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture meeting takes place the following week, with open sessions on the 25th and 26th while the Board will meet on the 24th and the 27th and 28th.

It is unfortunate that this change of place has been necessary, as Alberta was looking ahead with considerable interest to these important gatherings. Lack of hotel accommodation in Edmonton was the basic reason for the change.

Some felt that the meetings should come to Calgary. However, the only cities in Alberta and Saskatchewan that have not previously entertained these meetings are Edmonton and Saskatoon. The annual meeting at Brockville, Ont., last year agreed that they should be considered, with first choice going to Edmonton. When a change was found necessary, Saskatoon was naturally in line.

Colin Groff Visits Alberta—The Canadian Federation Secretary, Colin G. Groff, as readers of this paper have learned, was one of the guest speakers at the annual meeting of the United Farmers of Alberta, held in Calgary November 30th to December 4th.

His address dealt in a clear and concise manner with the activities of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. His speech has been printed by the Alberta Wheat Pool, and a limited number of copies are available through the Federation office. Those interested will find this interesting and instructive reading.

Income Tax Reporting—The present income tax laws provide that every taxable farmer must estimate his taxable income and make payment of two-thirds of the tax before December 31st in each year.

The Federation of Agriculture have taken the stand that this regulation is unfair to farmers and serves no useful purpose and that it should be deleted. The Government have this recommendation before them, but as it will be impossible to make any change before Parliament meets, we wish to advise our members that this regulation is

still in effect.

Marler Again Heads A.F.A.—Roy C. Marler, Bremner, Alberta, was elected President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture for 1949. Other executive members include George E. Church, Blazac, and E. H. Keith, Sexsmith, Alta.

The annual meeting held in Calgary recently amended the constitution to allow for an increased number of Directors from the educational farm bodies. The U.F.A., A.F.U. and U.F.W.A. will each have two directors.

A list of directors elected is published elsewhere in this issue.

Farm Publications—On November 29th last the Farm Forum discussed the topic, "I See By The Paper". Following the discussion the groups were asked to fill out a poll question regarding the papers received at their home.

9,513 farm homes were represented in all Provinces, while Alberta reported from 196 homes. Alberta's comparison with all of Canada is as follows:

Percentage of Farm Homes that take		
	Alberta	Canada
A daily paper	38%	69%
A local town weekly ..	91%	69%
A farm publication	98%	91%
More than one farm publication	93%	82%

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THE TIME IS RIPE

Prediction is perilous, and until the delegates to the joint convention of the United Farmers of Alberta and the Alberta Farmers' Union assemble, even the leaders of the two associations who are most closely in touch with their membership may well lack certainty of the outcome. But from such knowledge as we have of what farm people active in these organizations are thinking, the prospect of amalgamation taking place next week seems good.

On balance, and giving due weight to the judgment of the sceptics—for whose views we have respect—we think it probable that, when we next go to press, the U.F.A. and the A.F.U. will have joined forces.

It seems to us that this is an instance in which it "will be a good thing to make one association grow where two grew before".

STEADILY GROWING USEFULNESS

Year by year, as successive annual meetings have shown, the Alberta Federation of Agriculture has increased its usefulness to the farming industry. The recent gathering in Calgary gave evidence of its indispensability.

In its ability to exert legitimate influence upon public opinion, and upon Provincial and (through the Canadian Federation) upon Dominion Government policy, the A.F.A. ranks higher today than it has ever done in the past.

We congratulate President Marler and the Board and delegates, and Secretary McFall and his staff, on the success of their last meeting.

AT LEAST 50 PER CENT

Citizens of the Province, and especially rural Albertans, whose children suffer most under prevailing conditions, owe it to themselves and their families to give firm and powerful support at every opportunity to the campaign by President Hennig of the Alberta Educational Council and his Executive, to convince the Government of the desirability of raising the Provincial Treasury's contribution to the cost of elementary and secondary education to at least 50 per cent.

Secretary of the Council A. G. Andrews, points out that (in spite of some increases in Provincial appropriations) the Treasury's share still remains approximately 30 per cent. Increasing costs to the Divisions have quickly swallowed up the relatively slight increases, and left the Divisions with their problems no nearer solution—in many cases farther away from solution than before.

We trust that at the forthcoming session the Alberta Government, whose public accounts clearly reveal its ability to do so without hampering any other service, will grant the request of the Council. In doing so, the Government will know that it is acting in accordance with the considered judgment, not only of all farm organizations and of the Alberta School Trustees Association and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts, but (to the best of our knowledge) of every other representative Provincial body which has given its attention to the subject as well.

SALUTORY PROTEST

Jack Sutherland of Hanna, in a timely letter

THE CHRISTMAS BABY

(Alan Noel Johnson - 1948)

*He came when Christmas Day was very young,
When still the echoes of the midnight song
Above the beds of sleeping children hung,
And tides of love were running full and strong.
And as the townsfolk broke their Christmas bread
They heard the tidings and, from out their joy
In Christmas, tender messages were sped
To that white room where lay the little boy.*

*Thus for a moment shining webs of thought
Between the Christ child and this babe were spun,
So that his little pilgrimage was fraught
With blessing in the hour it was begun.
And all the glory of his natal day
Held promise of a light along his way.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

which has been given wide circulation through an important section of the daily press, with many urban readers, has justly protested against "an ocean of nonsense" in regard to food prices which "has been written and spoken recently in press and radio". He has documented his protest with facts and figures, providing historic background drawn from long farming experience. We think his protest will have a salutary effect. We are satisfied also that it will be approved my many urban people.

PRECEDENT FROM ASIA

India and Pakistan have called a truce in Kashmir. They have agreed that the future of that Province—whether it shall become a part of India or a part of Pakistan—shall be decided by a plebiscite under the auspices of the United Nations.

The decision will at least bring no grist to the mill of those who have been prepared to write off the United Nations as an organization with no possibilities of usefulness, and to call for its disbandment.

This may seem a small success to many in the West who have seen negotiations on global issues bog down in prolonged and futile debate. But it is a precedent, and for Asia and its peoples the decision may have far reaching implications and consequences.

It reflects credit too on the leaders of both Indian and Pakistan Governments, who have set an example in moderation and compromise and in recognition of the potentialities of the world authority which leaders of some of the white peoples might ponder upon with profit.

STILWELL HAD REASON TO KNOW

General Joseph W. Stilwell, the American who trained Chinese armies during the war against Japan and fought with them successfully in Burma, wrote in his private diary in the summer of 1944: "The cure for China's troubles is the elimination of Chiang Kai-shek." Elsewhere he made it plain that that would be only the beginning of the cure. The total elimination of the corruption, inefficiency and tyranny of this totalitarian government, which starved its armies and its peasants, was, he showed, another requirement.

Chairman



ROY MARLER

Secretary



JAS. R. McFALL

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Wire Request for Appeal on Oleo

By unanimous vote, the delegates wired President H. H. Hannam of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and Secretary Earl Kitchen of the Dairy Farmers of Canada, requesting these national organizations to "proceed with an appeal to the Privy Council against the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Canada," which "will permit the sale and manufacture of margarine in Canada." The telegram set forth that such manufacture and sale "would be a serious blow to the dairy industry and to the development of a diversified system of agriculture in Canada."

The Board of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, which happened to be in session on the day when the Supreme Court ruling on this subject was handed down, had previously wired to similar effect, and the Directors of the Northern Alberta Pool had taken similar action. The Southern Alberta Dairy Pool has carried on an unremitting effort to prevent the introduction of oleomargarine in Canada.

State Reasons for \$2.50 Minimum

Much attention was given by the delegates to the subject of future markets for Canadian grain and other products. The convention called upon the Canadian Government "to insist that the price of wheat in the British-Canadian wheat agreement be not less than \$2.50 per bushel, basis one northern Fort William for the 1949-50 crop."

It was pointed out that "wheat producers of Western Canada have submitted to the sale of their wheat since 1946 at prices considerably below those received by other nations"; and that the agreement stipulates that in ne-

gotiating the price of wheat for the 1949-50 crop year, the United Kingdom Government will "have regard to any differences between the prices paid under this agreement in the 1946-47 and 1947-48 crop years and the world prices for wheat in the 1946-47 and 1947-48 crop years."

Seek \$2.00 Average from Ottawa Government

The Dominion Government was asked to "make provisions so that the producer will receive at least \$2" for wheat delivered during the several years' pool period, it being pointed out that for these years "the Canadian farmer has suffered considerable loss because wheat for domestic consumption was sold at a figure which was below not only the world price but even under the British price"; that the Canadian farmer has never been recompensed for this loss, while "he has been compelled to accept less than the world price under the British agreement."

Floor Prices for Farm Products

"Decisive Federal action by way of floor prices for all agricultural products" was called for in view of indications that "the peak of present inflation prices has been reached", and that "in a deflation period agricultural prices always decline with much greater rapidity than industrial goods and services."

Canadian railways were asked "to reinstate the special seed grain rate" on Registered and certified seed which "has been of distinct advantage to the seed grower, the grain producer and the railroads by increasing both the quality and quantity of the grain produced," and especially of the boys and girls in Junior Grain Clubs. It was directed that the request be sent to the Board of Transport Commissioners and to the C.F.A.

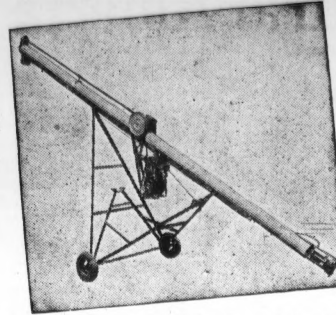
The Canadian Government was "asked to make provision for the establishment of a floor price for wheat as a permanent policy, based on a parity relationship with other prices." The Convention asked the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to support the proposal and submit it to the Dominion Government.

"All Grain Through Wheat Board"

Reaffirmation was expressed "of the principle of marketing all our grain through the Dominion Wheat Board". The Alberta Government was asked to "call a conference of Western Governments and farm organizations, with the aim of reaching effective agreement on this important matter"; and the Alberta Government was also asked to implement Bill 135 of the last session of Parliament, which provided for handling of oats and barley through the Board, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe, insisting, however, that there should first be implementing Provincial legislation.

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President Wood of the Manitoba Federation informed the delegates that in his judgment, the Manitoba farmers and their organization would now be willing to "accept any kind of Board rather than the open market".

He was of the opinion that "if we can get the three Governments and the farmers' organizations together we can now agree, as all want the same thing".

(Concluded in Next Issue)

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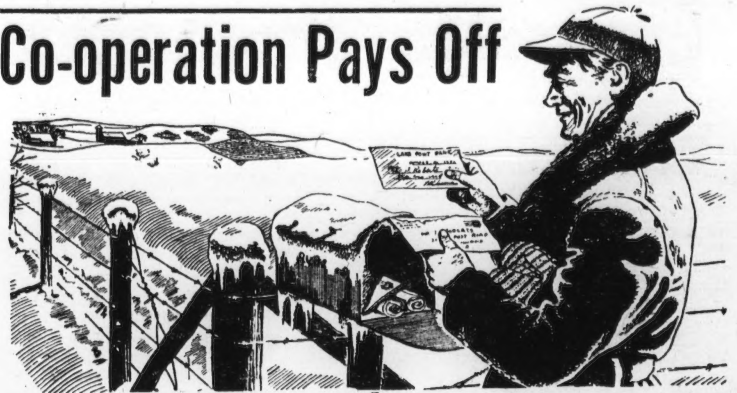


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If you sold produce to any branch of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool before 1948, you will have received by mail a Pass Book showing the exact amounts earned each year and held by us awaiting payment.

Watch for a further announcement in **The Western Farm Leader** shortly, when you will be advised to send in your Pass Book — PLEASE DO NOT SEND IT IN BEFORE WE ASK FOR IT.

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To our new patrons — your Pass Books showing your 1948 earnings will be mailed about April, 1949.

Wire Urges Appeal to Privy Council

C.A.D.P. Board Takes Quick Action on Margarine Question

On the day when announcement was made of the judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada, to the effect that the Dominion ban on the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine in Canada is not valid in law, the Directors of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool were in session, and it was decided to take immediate action.

The Board therefore wired to H. H. Hannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and to Earl Kitchen, Secretary of the Dairy Farmers of Canada, as follows:

"Our organization urges an immediate appeal on Supreme Court ruling re margarine manufacture and sale."

It will be remembered that the Court was divided on this question of law, the Chief Justice and one other justice disagreeing with the majority, and holding that the ban is valid.

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Former head of the faculty of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management at the University of Saskatchewan, who has been appointed Economist for the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and will be attached to the national staff at Ottawa.

What the U.F.A. Annual Convention Did

Dealt with various important issues as reported in the last issue, or elsewhere in this. Took further action upon the following:

National Health Insurance for All
Urged Dominion Government to carry out the national health plan involving insurance for all citizens from the general revenue, which has been called for year after year by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. It was pointed out that rural Alberta cannot get adequate health service otherwise. "To adopt any other policy is to deny democracy and destroy national unity," stated the resolution.

Asked further research into cause and treatment of arthritis, and proposed that hospital treatment for sufferers be provided, from Dominion funds.

Endorsed A.F.A. brief re income tax. Endorsed in principle resolution calling for income tax exemption of \$3,000 for married and \$1,500 for single taxpayer.

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200,000 Left Agriculture —Only 20,000 Returned

OTTAWA—About 200,000 Canadian workers left agriculture during the war years, it is estimated by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, and only about 20,000 returned in the immediate post-war years.

Asked that costs of clearing and breaking land be allowed as an expense in period covered by income tax return, or that costs be capitalized with provision for their retirement by depreciation "at a rate in line with similar expenditures in other industries".

Reiterated decision of last Convention asking that desertion, incurable insanity, and certain other additions be made to grounds for divorce.

Asked Department of Trade and Commerce explain increased in cost of binder twine.

Protested scarcity and maldistribution of nails.

Unanimously reaffirmed approval of principle of marketing all grains through Wheat Board.

Asked Dominion Government to see that at least 15,000,000 bushels of wheat of each crop be handled annually by Hudson Bay route through the Wheat Board, and that the Alberta Government call a conference of Western Governments and farm organizations to reach agreement on this subject.

Reiterated request that 50 per cent of primary and secondary education be borne by Alberta Government.

Asked Alberta Government to appoint committee (including representation or organized farmers and truckers) to study road construction and maintenance in U.S.

Recommended that the Alberta Government earmark a special grant for gravelling and snow clearing where necessary in areas where a centralized school is in operation.

Called for government system of car insurance similar to that of Saskatchewan, "which is working quite satisfactorily"; that 5-point insurance be made compulsory.

Asked that packing plants be made to publish full reports on insurance collected and loss of value of animals condemned.

Urged co-operation between Canadian and U.S. Governments to ensure early construction of St. Lawrence Seaway.

Asked that 57th parallel be starting point for "Northern Pay" (special pay higher than elsewhere).

Thanked P.F.R.A. for prompt completion of Carolside dam on Berry Creek (similar dam on Sounding Creek promised for 1949) and urged early start on main Red Deer dam at Ardley, to feed smaller dams; asked Alberta Government to co-operate fully in forwarding these projects.

Called for Royal Commission on freight rates.

Urged Dominion Government investigation of possibility of better control of grazing of cattle on forest reserves, or reimbursement of farmers affected.

Asked Government provide refuges for wild animals and birds; compensate farmers suffering damage from animals and birds, increasing hunters' license fees sufficiently to cover cost.

Urged municipalities put into operation quickly their plans to provide machinery for spraying weeds on road allowances.

Asked municipalities see that all danger spots on roads are properly marked, to indicate washouts, etc.

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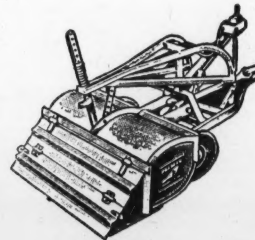
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POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Dec. 15th—Free or assisted legal aid to be given (under safeguards to prevent abuse) to British citizens earning up to \$3,000 a year under terms of bill approved in principle today; libel, slander and breach of promise actions excluded.

Dec. 16th—British Government's demands for reports from chemical industry may foreshadow nationalization, believed. Frankfurt newspaper says Germans resent U.S. attempts to enforce "free enterprise" in American zone.

Dec. 17th—Agriculture Minister Gardiner states U.S. and U.K. should devise means for convertibility of dollars and pounds so that nations like Canada can produce and distribute food for "the starving millions". Germans in occupied zones should be allowed to criticize occupying powers, to travel, to secure books from outside, urges American civil Liberties Union; other recommendations made.

Dec. 18th—Peiping will be defended against Communists "to the last man" says garrison commander.

Dec. 19th—Netherlands troops seize Jogjakarta, capital Indonesian republic, intern Soekarno, other leaders. Communists advance towards Nanking and Tientsin. UN mediator Bunche says Israel firmly established, has great future; believes Palestine war over.

Dec. 20th—British government announces four-year plan of concentrated effort to improve economic condition; Cripps says over-all imports from Canada aren't to be reduced. Sun Fo, Chinese Premier to form new cabinet; says no surrender, but may compromise with Communists.

Dec. 21st—U.S. "freezes" \$70 millions in economic aid to China. Chiang Kai-Shek will resign if new cabinet decides to try for negotiated peace, is Nanking report.

Dec. 22nd—Soerakarta, second largest city in Indonesia, taken by Netherlands. Conferences on North Atlantic military agreement resumed in Washington. ECA to buy \$9,200,000 of goods from Canada, for France and Eire. Tojo, six other Japanese generals, hanged.

Dec. 23rd—Israeli-Egyptian fighting breaks out in Negev desert.

Dec. 24th—Canada recognizes "de facto" the state of Israel.

Dec. 25th—King George in Christmas broadcast says Commonwealth is stronger as bounds of freedom widened. Netherlands troops take last large city of Indonesia, disregarding UN truce order.

Dec. 26th—Chinese Communists publish list of war criminals; Chiang Kai-Shek heads list. General Clay, in Berlin, says war can be avoided; states general peace settlement will follow return of economic stability in western Europe.

Dec. 27th—Certain leaders in Russia want to end "cold war", says Truman. Russians have taken two million Germans into forced labor camps, charges U.S. Army Secretary Royall, in Berlin. Indonesians launch guerilla counter-attacks against Netherlands forces. Tito says Yugoslavia won't export raw materials to other Communist countries unless machinery sent in return. Cardinal Mindszenty arrested in Hungary, on charges of espionage, treason, and black market dealings.

Dec. 28th—Egyptian premier assass-

Double Pre-war Working Force For Export

LONDON, Eng.—More than two million men and women in the United Kingdom are now working on manufacture for export; this compares with 990,000 just before the war, and 410,000 in the middle of 1945.

inated by member of outlawed Moslem organization. Tass denies Royall charges.

Dec. 29th—Chiang Kai-shek calls emergency conference of military commanders. Egyptians driven out of Jewish territory, says Tel Aviv report.

Dec. 30th—Pope excommunicates Roman Catholics who took part in arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty. Dutch seize Djambi oil fields from Indonesian republic. Detailed plans for military aid to Western Europe to begin at once, is Washington despatch.

Dec. 31st—Moscow announces trade with Yugoslavia will be cut to one-eighth of this year's total. Canadian production and external trade in 1948 were records; levels of income, employment, never exceeded.

Jan. 1st—India and Pakistan, call truce in Kashmir; future of Province to be decided by plebiscite under UN supervision.

Jan. 2nd—End of hostilities in Java announced by Dutch commander; says suppression of "disturbing elements" to continue.

Jan. 3rd—Shanghai city council broadcasts appeal to Communists for peace talks. Asiatic conference, called by Nehru on Indonesian situation, may foreshadow Monroe doctrine for Asia, London believes.

Jan. 4th—Early agreement on British-Canadian wheat price expected by Strachey. U.S. votes over \$16 millions to send emergency food supplies to seven large Chinese cities, including Peiping, Nanking, Shanghai, Canton. Attlee and Bevin send congratulations to Burma on first anniversary of independence. Indonesian republicans set up underground government for Java, reported from Batavia.

Jan. 5th—Communist Chinese artillery moves into suburbs of Peiping, Tientsin; Communist radio says government peace moves are "blunder".

CORRECTION

We regret that the name of the U.F.A. Local concerned was incorrectly given in an item in our last issue. Beddington U.F.A. Local voted \$100 to the United Emergency Fund for Britain at its annual meeting; Frank T. Pole and S. Stebbing were elected President and Secretary respectively, succeeding Milton Ard and Raymond Bushfield; Oswald Short was elected delegate to the joint convention and Mrs. Short will be U.F.W.A. delegate.

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Gardiner Reports on London Discussions re Wheat Contract

On Eve of Price Announcement, States He Found Talks "Very Helpful and Satisfactory"

By M. M. McDOUGALL, Press Gallery
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Jan.—In a very few days the price of the wheat sold under contract with Britain for the fourth year of the contract will be known.

The amount of wheat to be delivered, as is known, is 140,000,000 bushels. The coming fiscal year will round out the contract, but it is considered extremely likely that there will be an understanding that the principle of the contract will continue, probably for another two years.

"Very Helpful and Satisfactory"

The Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, in a recent statement to pressmen, said that the recent discussions in London on the wheat contract were "very helpful and satisfactory", even though he was not yet in a position to report final arrangements had been reached.

The British Government, he said, were now considering proposals of settlement which had already been approved by the Canadian Government. These proposals were designed to ensure that during the last year of the contract some compensation would be given to Canadian producers for lower prices which they accepted during the earlier years. An arrangement of this kind, he stated, is "inherent in the original contract", and had already been recognized in the \$2.00 a bushel which the British were paying in the current year.

Strong Call on Provincial Government to Carry at Least 50% School Costs

That the Alberta Government "bear at least 50 per cent of the cost of primary and secondary education" was strongly urged by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in recent Annual Meeting. (Identical recommendations have been made by many other Alberta organizations.)

"Education of our youth is of national importance", stated the resolution which stressed the present lack of competent trained teachers, and pointed out that "taxes and Government grants are not sufficient to pay teachers attractive salaries so that more young people may be encouraged to go into the teaching profession."

How the arrangement was to be met for the fourth year of the contract was what had been examined in the discussions when it had to be considered whether it would be better to seek a cash settlement on a purely "arithmetic basis" — which Mr. Gardiner felt was practically an impossible thing to do—or to work for a longer period of stability and security for Canadian agriculture by some other means.

Difficult to Foresee Future World Prices
It was a difficult thing to determine the price for the last year of the contract, which has still 17 months to run. It was very difficult to foresee what world prices would be in the future. It was not admitted by all, said Mr. Gardiner, that the American was the world price, nor that prices received by Australia and Argentina could be regarded as comparable in every respect with Canadian methods of computation.

Mr. Gardiner impressed on the

Call for Action to Cope With Predatory Animals in Province

Convention Deplores Failure of Government to Try Out Recommendations

Adoption of "some definite policy" to cope with the menace due to predatory animals, especially coyotes, which cause farmers heavy losses every year, was asked of the Alberta Government by the A.F.A. convention.

The convention indicated that none of the several recommendations made to the Government by interested organizations, to deal with the menace, have been tried out. The recommendations include the use of snares, cyanide poisoning, the "coyote getter", the use of professional hunters, and an all-the-year-round bounty system.

British authorities that Canada could produce food in great quantities if it was wanted. It could supply half the United Kingdom requirements. Fear had been expressed by the British as far back as 1936 that Canada couldn't produce food in essential quantities. This country, Mr. Gardiner told them, could produce 300,000,000 lbs. of bacon yearly if that quantity was wanted.

He pointed out that 200,000 head of cattle had gone to the United States in the past year, which illustrated Canada's potential in livestock production. Canada had long wanted to regard Britain as the natural market, and would continue to do so. It was fully realized that Britain still needed food, and that it was owing to exchange difficulties that she found it difficult to get it from Canada.

Believes Outlook for 1949 Good
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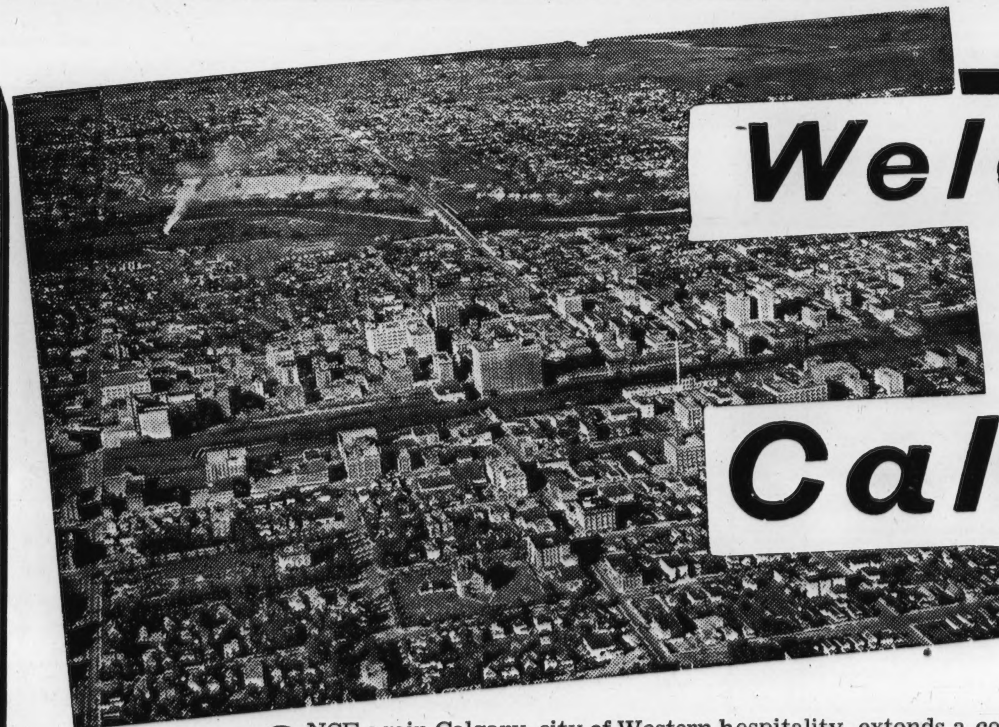
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felt that, taking in the whole picture, the outlook for Canadian agriculture for 1949 was good. He believed that gross farm income would be up in 1949 from "high returns for domestically consumed products and those consumed outside Canada". There were the domestic market and the British purchases, and while these were constricted by dollar shortage, "for the time being at least the alternative markets are available, the greatest of them being in the United States where price levels for most products are at least as high as could be obtained elsewhere even if exchange conditions were better".



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Rainfall Record Broken

Also I noted the same evening that comment was made that we were having the worst storm in years in our second storm of the week. Today we have had our third and have eclipsed that in rainfall, so you can imagine what it has been like. I keep wondering how a nearby former Albertan feels who says the rain gives her "the willies".

But people do not seem to change their plans here on account of it. Last Saturday evening I went down to the village library, which is open on two afternoons and on Saturday evenings. Despite the fact that it was pouring outside, a goodly number of all ages kept coming and going, returning and getting books.

In this village, they make use of the British Columbia travelling library, and through their own efforts have built up a very good additional one. It is not of long standing and has involved planning and effort on the part of local people. Women, I think, have made a great contribution to the effort which has resulted in an evidently worthwhile service.

"In Memory" Book Tributes

When I thought of this community undertaking, it made me wonder just how many people had subscribed to

Comox, B.C.

the resolution which our U.F.W.A. Convention passed, namely, that we encourage the giving of "In Memory" book tributes when friends or relatives pass away?

I wondered how many, although they believed firmly it was a very fine, a very sensible thing to do, have been able to break away from custom? They may agree that it is a higher tribute to want the memory of their friends to live on in books which will add to the life of the community and enrich the lives of others, rather than to pay the brief tribute of flowers. Despite that, they have not been brave enough to break away from custom. Some few may have ventured to subscribe to some fund, but to me there always seems to be a lacking of the personal in that tribute.

But could not we, who are unfortunate enough to find ourselves in the position of losing some friend, break away from custom and send an "In Memory" book tribute (enclosed in an envelope) which can be listed with the floral offerings from those who still prefer to give those? Later the book, with the suitable inscription, can be sent where those nearest and dearest wish.

Every worth-while change has come about by some few having the courage to break away from the old custom and start the new. Surely this is one which will indeed be a tribute to the memory of one life and add to the life of others.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

THE BATTLE OF THE JARS

Said Mrs. A. to Mrs. B.: "Berries are ripe. I've twenty-three."
Said Mrs. B. to Mrs. A.: "I made it thirty quarts today."

So each one hurries to the patch, and picks like mad, with secret watch

To see how keen the other's toil
... Then home to burn the mid-night oil,

Washing and boiling, screwing rings, till dawn alone brief respite brings.

"I've sixty now," "I've sixty-two"
... And back to work the neighbors flew.

And with the peas, and corn, and beans, the same old battle reconvenes.

A hundred's reached, and in that week the neighbors nod but do not speak,

And when two hundred's passed and gained, relations grow still further strained.

"Oh well, she's got no kids to feed, and likely never pulled a weed

Since canning started". This from A. While B. disgruntled snorts her say,

"With all those kids to help her pick, no wonder she's ahead a lick."

So up and up the fevers mount, till, suddenly ... they've both lost count.

Sealers are scarce, odd bottles filled, and all is over, warfare stilled ...

And now with humble gratitude they gaze on Nature's gifts of food, Surveying all the bounteous store with thankful hearts, now thinking more

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(Other U.F.W.A. News—Page 13)



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National Junior Farm Organization Proposed

"But First Build Up Own Organization", States U.F.A.
Junior President

Possibility of setting up a National Junior Farm organization in Canada was discussed at a meeting recently between Orrin Hart, of Claresholm, President of the Junior U.F.A., and the Provincial Executive of the Ontario Junior Farmers, Mr. Hart stated in the course of his address to the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta in Calgary.

Could Be Advantageous

"Of course we could do nothing but discuss the matter without the ratification of our respective organizations," said Mr. Hart; "but we were of the opinion that such an organization would be advantageous if we could arouse interest in the other Provinces in a similar plan. However, it is of paramount importance first to build up our own organization so that we represent a majority of the Alberta Junior Farmers."

Looks to Unification

Discussing the forthcoming joint Convention on Amalgamation, the Junior President said that "when we meet again . . . we will be unified in our efforts as well as stronger in numbers," and, he added, "I am certain of one thing, and that is that the rural people of Alberta are capable of pull-

ing together and continuing to advance, even though the lines do change hands."

With the lifting of the embargo on export of cattle to the United States, Mr. Hart pointed out, came better prices "together with a feeling of confidence in the future for the primary producers."

Genuine Admiration of a Grandparent

Of the setting up of the United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative on a self-governing basis, Mr. Hart said that the U.F.A. "have played the part of a parent in this regard. As parents raise a family until they are capable of supporting themselves, then allow them to go their way, so too does our organization get the co-operatives started, then turn them loose to find for themselves. Now we can look on with all the genuine admiration of a grandparent to watch the progress of the rapidly multiplying branches of our enterprise."

Mr. Hart also said it was heartening to note the start made by Canadian Co-operative Implements, Ltd. (CCIL), and expressed the hope that next season there will be more machinery and more and better distributing centres available.

The Junior President, who participated in the opening broadcast of the Farm Radio Forum from Toronto last winter, commended the sponsors "upon the fine services they are rendering to the rural people."

University Week and
Co-operative Leadership Camp
Reviewing Farm Young People's
(Continued on page 13)

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Ask Improved Facilities for Agriculture

Provision of "suitable and adequate accommodation for Agriculture at the University of Alberta" will be pressed for by the Board of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

Authorization to take such action was given by the Annual Convention

of the A.F.A. James R. McFall, who is a farmer and President of the Alberta Institute of Agrolologists, was among those who strongly urged passage of the resolution, which set forth that present facilities provided for Agriculture are "not adequate for research and training, and compared with those provided for other industries are still in the horse and buggy stage."



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HUGH W. ALLEN,
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World Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

From statistics and general information now available it would appear that the period of extreme world wheat shortage is at an end, and the year 1949 will witness the reappearance of surpluses. This forecast is not made with any great degree of assurance, as the writer recalls the sad experience of the pollsters in the United States presidential election. Predicting what is going to happen with regard to the supply and demand of wheat is infinitely more uncertain than predicting a political election.

The forecast of substantial wheat supplies is based on the prospect of the United States producing a crop of around 1,200 million bushels. The United States farmers are finding \$2 wheat quite attractive, and will seed nearly 78 million acres for the 1949 crop. Some 61.3 million acres have already been seeded to winter wheat, and estimated production is 965 million bushels. The spring wheat crop, even under disadvantageous weather conditions, should not go below 235 million bushels. In past years the worst menace to United States wheat crops has been rust, but most of the seed now being used is of rust-resistant varieties. A 1,200-million bushel United States wheat crop would provide nearly 500 million bushels for export.

Recovery in Europe

European agriculture is gradually but surely recovering. More machinery and more chemical fertilizers are now available to the farmers there. This year's crop will likely be as good

Ask Protein Content Be Made Basic Factor In Grading of Wheat

Propose Committee to Study Grading—Object Maintaining High Quality of Exports

Appointment of a representative committee to study thoroughly that portion of the Canada Grain Act which deals with the definition of grades, "with a view to bringing in such amendments as may be necessary, incorporating the protein content of wheat as a basic factor in grain grades," was urged by the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

It was proposed also that "any other amendments required to further assist in maintaining the high quality of wheat on foreign markets," should be recommended by the committee.

The delegates directed that the resolution be forwarded to the Western Section of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Numerous Complaints

It was pointed out that the Board of Grain Commissioners have received "numerous complaints from Great Britain regarding the quality of Canadian wheat shipped to that market", and that "it is essential" that Canada maintain "the high quality of our wheat on foreign markets."

Reference was further made to the fact that the Commissioners have issued a directive, in an effort to rectify the situation, to the effect that Red Bobs will not be allowed a higher grade than No. 3 Northern after 1951, regardless of physical appearance. The Convention expressed the "considered opinion" of the delegates that the degrading of Red Bobs will not eliminate these complaints.

The complaints of poor quality of wheat shipped to Britain concerned especially wheat of the crops harvested in 1946 and 1947, it was stated.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Jan. 4th — Hogs sold today \$29.60 to \$29.70, Grade A, sows \$19.25 liveweight. Good lambs \$22, good ewes \$8. Good to choice butcher steers \$20 to \$22, down to \$16 for common; good to choice heifers \$18.50 to \$16, down to \$13; canners and cutters \$10 to \$12.50; good bulls \$17 to \$18, down to \$15 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Jan. 3rd — This market last week was for the most part active and strong. Practical ton on choice steers was \$22.50; choice heifers sold mostly at \$19, down to \$14.50 for fair quality. Good light cows sold at \$15.50 to \$16.50; bulls traded from \$13 to \$18.50. Grade A hogs for shipment were \$29.85, at plants \$28.

The Dairy Market

Production still lags behind that of last year, and butter stocks, of course, also continue low. Prices remain at the ceiling, prints being 67 cents locally and butterfat 69 cents. There are the usual deductions of 2 cents per pound for truck cream and 1 cent per pound for train cream, with a maximum for transportation of 30 cents.

as, or a little better than, the 1,465 million bushels produced last year. The United States surplus will be supplied, mostly free of charge, to continental European nations co-operating with the European Recovery Program.

There is one factor that should not be overlooked, namely the need for building up reserves. Every nation likes to have a comfortable carryover to provide against crop failures. Reserves disappeared during the war and postwar years and must be replenished for safety's sake. Such requirements should absorb any world surpluses.

The future of wheat and wheat prices is wrapped up in the general economic trend. Many economists have the idea that the postwar inflationary period has passed its peak and price declines will predominate for some time to come.

Prospects for 1949 Not Bright

Coming back to Western Canada it can be repeated that prospects are not bright for a good crop in 1949. But who can forecast what the weather will be next spring and summer? The year 1941 was one of the driest the west ever experienced, but 1915 witnessed abundant and frequent rains, with the result that the wheat production per acre was the largest in the history of Western Canada. Such experiences, however, are the exception, not the general rule, in this area.

As far as the marketing of Canada's wheat is concerned, the best hope lies in the continuation of the Canada-United Kingdom wheat agreement. If this can be achieved at a reasonable price, it will provide Western Canadian farmers with an assured market for a substantial quantity of their surplus wheat.

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Seek Continuance Special Products Board—Poultry Industry Needs Stressed

The Alberta Federation officers were asked to arrange a conference of representatives of organized poultry producers and Provincial Governments of the Western Provinces, to make a survey of the poultry situation as a whole and seek a solution of the dangers now facing the industry, through surplus production.

Continuance of the Special Products Board, which "has resulted in the stabilization of the poultry industry of Canada," until such time as a Natural Products Board may be set up, was called for by the A.F.A. Convention. The Special Products Board, having been set up under the Wartime Measures Act, depends on its extension from year to year for its continued existence.

The resolution on this subject indicated that the export price which will be terminated on July 31st, 1949, unless extended, has established a floor price for poultry products as long as they are under contract.

To Stabilize Egg Prices

In view of the fact that Canada's present contract for the sale of her surplus eggs to Britain expires on January 31st, 1949, the Dominion Government was requested to implement the powers it possesses under the Prices Stabilization Act when the need arises, "in order to stabilize prices and thus prevent the collapse of this important industry."

It was pointed out that Canada's best food customer, Great Britain, would contract for only 46 million dozen eggs in 1949 as against 78 million dozen in 1948.

Hennig Heads Council

Cordial thanks to Henry E. Spencer were expressed by the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Educational Council, held recently. Through the able and energetic work of Mr. Spencer, who was the first President, and the support of a vigorous team, the Council has become a powerful force in the Province. Mr. Spencer has retired owing to change of residence to Comox, B.C.

Officers for Coming Year

Rudolph Hennig of Fort Saskatchewan was elected President of the Council (he is also president of the Alberta School Trustees' Association). Vice-President is Eric C. Ansley, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alberta Teachers' Association, and Secretary-Treasurer is Mrs. F. C. Butterworth, an executive member of the A.S.T.A. and a member of the Edmonton School Board. Other members of the Executive are Dr. McCalla of the Faculty of the University of Alberta, and Dave Roberts, General Secretary of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts.

Among those who paid tribute to Mr. Spencer at the banquet in his honor given by the Executive of the A.S.T.A. recently, was the Deputy Minister of Education for the Province, Dr. W. H. Swift.

Stress Need International Wheat Agreement

Commendation of the action of the Governments of the United States and Canada in co-operating in the formulation of plans for an early international conference to work out an international wheat agreement, was expressed in a resolution unanimously adopted by the recent Annual Meeting of the A.F.A. The Dominion Government was requested "to continue to give aggressive leadership" in the negotiation of such an agreement, to become effective on August 1st, 1949. The need for an agreement, it was set forth, is becoming increasingly urgent.

Adequate Compensation

Adequate compensation for farmers who have oil wells drilled on their land and farmer representation on the arbitration board which handles these cases, were strongly urged by the A.F.A. in Annual Meeting.

It was pointed out that "the oil companies and the Government are reaping rich rewards from oil companies on farmers' lands without compensating the farmers adequately."

It was asked that compensation cover "not only property damage, but also general depreciation and loss of social and community values."

As an alternative for farmers, it was suggested that "in areas where oil is actually discovered they have the option of surrendering their land to the oil companies in exchange for a cash settlement at the highest market value."

The Federation officers were asked to appoint a committee to study this matter, "in order to give protection to the owner of surface rights."

Debt to Scientists

No group of men have conferred more far-reaching benefits upon the farmers of Western Canada than the Canadian scientists who are continually adding to our stock of agricultural knowledge and thereby to the real wealth of their country, declares Dr. F. J. Greaney, Director of Line Elevators Farm Service, in a recent bulletin.

He refers to the outstanding debt prairie farmers owe to science through the development of high-yielding, disease-resisting varieties of wheat, oats, barley, flax and other crops; and to the development of more effective land management and soil conservation practices, to the great advances in mechanization, and to the discovery of more effective and cheaper chemicals to fertilize the soil, to control weeds, and to reduce the enormous annual losses from insect pests and plant diseases, as some of the important contributions of science to the welfare of prairie agriculture.

To Judge Barley Samples

A board of twelve judges will examine samples of barley produced by 912 different growers from the West on January 14th and 15th. Regional, Provincial and national champions will be selected in the two competitions of the 1948 National Barley Contest. Sponsor of the project, the brewing and malting industry, has for the third successive crop season provided big cash prizes both for the farmers' competition, requiring a carload entry, and for the competition exclusively for seed growers. Of the 912 entries, 341 are from Manitoba, 293 from Saskatchewan, and 278 from Alberta. Alberta leads in entries for the seed growers' competition.

Soviet Grain Deliveries

Grain deliveries to Britain by the Soviet Union under the Anglo-Soviet trade agreement signed December 27, 1947, have been as follows, for eleven months, according to Soviet News, issued by the Embassy of the U.S.S.R. in London: 765,960 tons, including barley 471,349 tons; maize (corn) 190,248 tons; oats, 104,363 tons. The agreement provided for the delivery of 750 tons of grain. A British long ton is 2,240 lbs.

JUNIOR PRESIDENT—from Page 11
Week at the University, Mr. Hart pointed out that those who attended last summer "did themselves proud" as a representative group of farm young people. "I would like to remind all young farm people between the ages of 16 and 27," he said, "that there is accommodation for all who wish to attend, and I take this opportunity to extend a hearty invitation to attend this holiday of holidays next June at

the University of Alberta."

"Last July a new project in the form of a leadership training camp was conducted at Gull Lake under the supervision of Mr. Douglas Thornton, U.F.A. Co-op. Educational Director. I was very sorry to be unable to attend myself, but I understand from those who did attend that they really found it time well spent."

Fourteen sacks of vegetables were shipped to the Junior Red Cross Hospital from Jenny Lind U.F.W.A. (Scandia), writes Mrs. Ella Drake, secretary. The pie social held earlier in the fall netted over \$110 and the members have decided to put on a play during the winter to accumulate funds for the coming year. At the latest meeting, Miss Lillian Wasuita, district home economist, was the guest speaker.

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By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Here we go again! Starting off the New Year with another column in the hope that it will be better than ever and will continue to give a modicum of pleasure to those who have the patience to read it.

And, incidentally, we're going to let our contributors do their darndest to begin with. Christmas seems to have stirred their poetical spirits somewhat.

RANCH AT TWILIGHT

The soothing sigh of the night wind,

The whine of a coyote's call,
The lonesome bawl of a maverick,
A hush as the shadows fall.

A gleam of light from the ranch house,

The smell of food from the door,
The laughter of men well contented,
The clink of their spurs on the floor.

The cool, sweet smell of the prairie,
The twang of a cowboy's guitar,
The deep, gleaming blue of the heavens,

With its brand of a silver star.

Saddles hung over the gateposts,
Dusty boots lining the wall,
Rest for the hard-riding waddies,
Peace and contentment for all.

— Dee Campbell.

Hat Anglers Name Officers — Headline in the *Calgary Herald*. Gosh, says Simple Simon, I didn't know people went fishing for hats before.

News item says that Lord Portal, former chief of the British Air Staff and a director of Barclay's bank, has given up smoking because it is too expensive. In short, Portal will open another door to economy.

Just the same, we should have thought that the director of a bank would have money to burn.

BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE

The standard on the braes O'Mar
Is up and streaming rarely;
The gath'ring pipe on Lochnagar
Is sounding loud and sairy.
The Hielan, men frae hill and glen,

Wi' belted plaids and glitt'ring blades,

Wi' bonnets blue, and hearts sae true,
Are comin' late and early.

Then sound the pibroch loud and high,
Frae John O'Groats to Isle of Skye,

Let all the clans their slogan cry,
And rise and follow Charlie!
On dark Culloden's field of gore,
Hark! they shout, Claymore! Claymore!

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— M. A. Patterson, Edmonton.

Drunk Cow's Output Sags—headline in a Calgary paper. Sounds like a lot of bull to us.

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"Oh, what a relief," cried the cannibal chief,
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To find that they still disagreed.
— U. Guess Who, Calgary.

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We understand that A.P., is responsible for this one, but we can hardly believe it's true: "A Hastings, Neb.,

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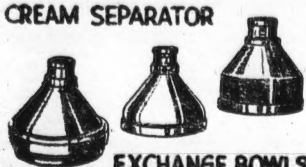
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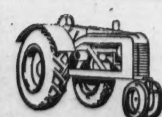
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